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Advisory Action

Application No.

09/932,860

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Rudy Zervigon

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THE REPLY FILED 28 June 2004 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE. Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to avoid abandonment of this application. A proper reply to a final rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114.

PERIOD FOR REPLY [check either a) or b)]

- a) ☐ The period for reply expires _____ months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
- b) ☒ The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection. ONLY CHECK THIS BOX WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

1. ☐ A Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. Appellant's Brief must be filed within the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal.
2. ☐ The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered because:
- (a) ☐ they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
 - (b) ☐ they raise the issue of new matter (see Note below);
 - (c) ☐ they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
 - (d) ☐ they present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: _____.

3. ☐ Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.
4. ☐ Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
5. ☒ The a) ☐ affidavit, b) ☐ exhibit, or c) ☒ request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: See Continuation Sheet.
6. ☐ The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered because it is not directed SOLELY to issues which were newly raised by the Examiner in the final rejection.
7. ☒ For purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendment(s) a) ☒ will not be entered or b) ☐ will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.

The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:

Claim(s) allowed: _____.

Claim(s) objected to: _____.

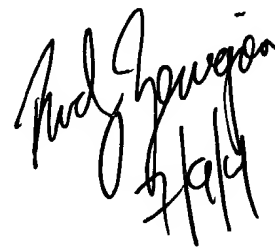
Claim(s) rejected: 1-5 and 7-13.

Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: _____.

8. ☐ The drawing correction filed on _____ is a) ☐ approved or b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
9. ☐ Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____.
10. ☒ Other: See Continuation Sheet

Continuation of 5. does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: None of the pending claims are amended. Applicant's disagreement with Whitney's "PTC" acronym definition is considered. However, the Examiner remains convinced, as demonstrated by DeZubay, Egon A. et al. (US 4480930 A; column 3, line 63) that Whitney's "PTC" is identical to DeZubay, Egon A. et al.'s PTC who identifies the acronym as "pulsed thermocouple (PTC)". With respect to Applicant's argument that the Examiner's action is unclear with respect to Applicant's "layer of insulation claim requirement", the Examiner disagrees. In particular, the final rejection asserted that Sajato does not teach "v. A layer of thermal insulation disposed between the at least a portion of the heated section of the heating device and the chamber body and substantially circumscribing the longitudinal body portion and the at least a portion of the second heated section", yet, Whitnet was cited for teaching "ix. A layer of thermal insulation (42/44/42 column 5, lines 30-35) disposed between the at least a portion of the heated section (40) of the heating device". The Examiner cannot find any ambiguity between Applicant's claimed invention and the interpreted prior art. Regarding Applicant's citation of the definition of "contiguous", firstly, the Examiner suggests an unabridged definition in future communications. Additionally, in the context in which "contiguous" is used, the Examiner believes that said context is a dimensional limitation relating the lengths of the thermal insulation and the length of the longitudinal body as supported by Applicant's Figure 2.

Continuation of 10. Other: Applicant's statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is of record and perfects Applicant's oath and declaration..

Handwritten signature of Rudy J. Hargis, dated 2/10/14.